

Youth Night attendance highest in several years

By William H. Perkins Jr.
Editor

Mississippi Baptist Youth Night at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson, already the largest annual gathering of Baptists in the state, enjoyed a spike in attendance for the 2013 event on July 26, according to the event's lead planner.

"There was a visible increase in attendance this year. We didn't take a head count at the door, but based on the seating arrangements we estimated the attendance was well over 8,000. That's the best attendance we've had in at least five years," said Don Lum, evangelism director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) in Jackson and lead planner for Youth Night.

Ed Newton of Arlington, Tn., a full-time evangelist with a concentration on youth, was the keynote speaker. Matt Papa of Raleigh, N.C., and his band provided worship through music. Newton is staff evangelist at Faith Church in Bartlett, Tn., and Papa is a worship leader at The Summit Church in Durham, N.C.

"I was very pleased with Ed and Matt, and I believe attendees were pleased, too," said Lum,

who reported that 88 professions of faith and 42 other decisions were recorded. "Ed and Matt had a firm understanding of what we were trying to accomplish at Youth Night. Those two guys are on the cutting edge of how to reach modern teens with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and I believe our teens got it."

A love offering was taken, with more than \$7,000 given to help fund a new MBCB ministry that will assist Mississippi Baptist churches in evangelizing young people across the state. "Whether it's Bibles that need to be purchased or some other item that will help, we want local churches to know we're supporting them in their efforts to reach young people. I believe that's what the folks who gave the money at Youth Night were saying," Lum said.

Mississippi Baptist Youth Night is fully funded by gifts to the Mississippi Cooperative Program, enabling 100% of the offering to go to the youth evangelism project, he pointed out.

Lum commended the adult volunteers who chaperoned youth groups from their churches and drove them to Jackson for the event. "I am so grateful for the volunteers who make Youth Night a priority for their youth each year. If Youth Night is a priority of the church, it will be a priority for the young people at that church."

Lum was assisted in planning the event by a committee headed by Mike Brister, discipleship pastor at Temple Church, Hattiesburg. "Mike has been the chairman for several years now, and we simply could not put on Youth Night without the long hours donated by these committee members. I want to

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Day named S'western Seminary music dean

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP and local reports) - Canton native Leo Day, a William Carey University graduate and former voice instructor there, took the helm August 1 as the new dean of the School of Church Music at Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth.



He replaces Stephen Johnson, who left Southwestern in June to become dean of Azusa Pacific University's new College of Music and the Arts in Azusa, Ca.

"Leo Day is one of the few men in America who functions with a full grasp of both the church and the academic worlds," said Southwestern President Paige Patterson. "A beautiful tenor voice, a love for teaching, and years of incredible success as a minister of music in a megachurch (Olive Church in

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SHINING THROUGH - (Above) Matt Papa of Raleigh, N.C., and his band perform at the 2013 Mississippi Baptist Youth Night July 26 at Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. Ed Newton (at left) was the keynote speaker. (Photos by William H. Perkins Jr.)



From the editor

WILLIAM PERKINS

Gardasil, again

Parents, here's another word you should keep on your watch list: Gardasil. It's one of those manufactured jumbles that pharmaceutical companies place on new drugs coming to market. You're probably going to be hearing a lot more about it in the near future.

Gardasil is the name of Merck's first-of-its-kind vaccination against certain strains of the human papillomavirus (HPV), which researchers believe are responsible for about 70% of all cervical cancers and 90% of all cases of genital warts. The federal Food and Drug Administration has approved the drug as a vaccine against those diseases, as well as certain other forms of cancer believed to be caused by HPV.

Sexual contact is the primary way HPV spreads, and one recent study concluded that up to 80% of American women may be exposed to the virus before their 50th birthday. Fortunately, the body's defenses usually destroy HPV, but in some women the virus takes hold and helps turn normal cervical cells into a malignancy.

Recent news reports have indicated that HPV may also cause cancer in males who engage in certain sexual acts that cannot be described in a family newspaper such as *The Baptist Record*. Suffice to say, HPV can be deadly in both genders.

Gardasil appears to be a monumental step forward in the battle against cancer — and several particularly deadly forms of cancer, to be sure — so what could possibly be controversial about the three-shot, \$390 regimen that would provide almost 100% protection against certain forms of cervical cancer and genital warts?

Merck, the drug's manufacturer and marketer, recommends administering the drug to all healthy females between the ages of nine and 26, and the younger the better because the vaccine is ineffective once a person has had sex and been infected with HPV.

Merck is also studying the application of the vaccine for males who may have been infected and are spreading the disease back to uninfected girls and young women. Australia has already begun a mandatory vaccination

program for minor-age males in addition to females.

Conservative groups are concerned, however, about administering the vaccine to children at such a young age, and the erroneous conclusions those children may draw about promiscuous sexual behavior. The vaccine does not protect against all forms of cervical cancer, nor does it protect against other sexually-transmitted diseases such as AIDS, syphilis, and gonorrhea. Some watchdog groups closely monitoring the Gardasil situation have also alleged serious side effects, up to and including death.

Not least important, some parents see the oncoming rush to mandate the vaccine for minors as a challenge to their right to make such decisions on behalf of their children.

With the federal government and an increasing number of states considering whether to mandate Gardasil for school-age girls, the drug's manufacturer Merck is stepping up efforts to get the regimen adopted in as many locales as possible.

"I cannot think of a bigger boost (for sales of the drug)," said Steve Brozak, who analyzes the drug industry for W.B.B. Securities, in an Associated Press interview.

The Obama administration has begun a national push to promote Gardasil and, according to Judicial Watch's *Corruption Chronicles*, the campaign is focused on young low-income and minority girls.

Gardasil may turn out to be a great medical advance, and one that we can all support in the long run — but not at the expense of steamrolling parental rights.

Well-funded and well-connected, the Merck push to adopt Gardasil will probably make its way to Mississippi once the larger states fall into line. It's already available in all 50 states through the taxpayer-subsidized Vaccines for Children program of the federal Centers for Disease Control.

Make up your own mind by arming yourself with information. Be prepared, listen closely for code words from government health officials and politicians who are promoting Gardasil, and come informed to the debate.

The root of the problem

The citizens of a democratic republic get the leaders they deserve, because they choose them. Elected officials, then, are merely a reflection of the majority of those who voted to place them into office.

In the wake of sex scandals involving President Bill Clinton in the mid-1990s, the mantra among many in society became, "Character does not matter when it comes to political leaders." Those who espoused this view insisted that private behavior has no bearing on public leadership.

Many in the American electorate bought the premise that leaders can privately be selfish, greedy, dishonest, and even perverted, all the while making altruistic decisions that are in the best interests of those who elected them to office.

Believing someone can be vile in private while virtuous in public has resulted in a U.S. Congress with an approval rating, according to a recent NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, that currently stands at 12 percent. Additionally, a 2012 Gallup poll found that politicians were among the least trusted professionals in America.

Simply put, moral people sincerely seek to not do that which is wrong. Morality is good and noble. However, according to former U.S. Congressman Bob McEwen of Ohio, integrity and virtue require more than morality. In order to be considered a person of integrity, a person of virtue, one must also pursue character.

Speaking at an event I recently attended, McEwen said, "Character is doing that which is right." It is not just enough to not do wrong. A person must do what is right.

McEwen said that if your child came home and told you the kids at school were calling a little girl names and added that he or she did not participate in the name calling, you would be happy. Your child did not do something wrong. He or she acted morally — but a question remains, McEwen said: Did your child do what is right? Did he or she exhibit character by standing up for the little girl?

The two wings of morality and character are necessary for integrity and virtue to take flight. Both concepts are required. "You can't do what is right if you are at the same time doing what is wrong," McEwen said.



Guest opinion with Kelly Boggs

If Americans do not start electing men and women of integrity, people of virtue, who care more about the condition of the country than about their own fortunes, I fear the future of the United States is bleak.

In order for Americans to start electing people of virtue, it will require the realization that the electorate is the real problem, not those who have been elected. "We have met the enemy, and he is us," is a famous line from the comic strip character Pogo created by Walt Kelly.

Those who occupy elected positions are nothing more than a reflection of the majority of people who voted for them. If we don't like what we see, we must start with our own integrity and then select and elect those who represent our morals and our character.

Recent developments in New York City might be a glimmer of hope that some citizens are coming around. Anthony Weiner, a candidate in the New York City mayoral race, has plunged in the polls as a result of revelations he has engaged in at least three online affairs since resigning from the U.S. Congress for the same sin.

I have a voting litmus test for those who want to excuse the behavior of politicians like Weiner and still maintain that elected leaders don't need morality and character.

First, would you be comfortable leaving your daughter or your wife alone with the candidate for an extended period of time? Secondly, would you buy a used car from them? If you can't answer either question with an unqualified yes, perhaps you should consider another candidate.

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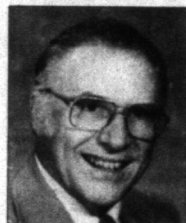
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Former seminary prof Watts dies at 92

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP and local reports) — Mississippi College graduate and former Southern Seminary professor John Drayton Williams



WATTS

Watts, 92, a former professor at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., died July 21 near his home in Penney Farms, Fla. R. Albert Mohler Jr., the seminary's president, said, "John D.W. Watts was both an Old Testament scholar and the son of an Old Testament scholar, and the Watts family represents at least two generations of seminary professors within the Southern Baptist Convention."

Born in 1921 in Laurens, S.C., Watts spent his childhood in Palestine with his missionary parents and his youth in New Orleans, where his father served on the faculty of New Orleans Seminary.

In 1946, Watts married Winifred Lee Williams. The two served with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board) from 1948-70 and from 1972-75. He was professor of Old Testament at International Baptist Theological Seminary in Rüschlikon, Switzerland, where he also served as president from 1963-69.

Watts then served on the faculty of Serampore College in Serampore, India, (1972-75), Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Ca., (1976-81) and Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., (1981-95).

Watts earned a bachelor degree from Baptist-affiliated Mississippi College and bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Seminary. He was the Old Testament editor of the Word Biblical Commentary.

His books included, *Vision and Prophecy in Amos* (1958; revised 1996); *Studying the Book of Amos* (1966); *Basic Patterns in Old Testament Religion* (1971); *How We Got the Bible* (2011); contributions to the *Broadman Bible Commentary* (1970-72); and several commentaries on Old Testament books.

In 1995, he retired to Penney Farms, Fla., where he lived with his wife until her death in 2011. He is survived by his children, Cheryl, Reid, Clare, and Jim, as well as seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The family will have a memorial service at the Penney Farms Retirement Community on Oct. 14.



Expert: Church transportation safety too critical to overlook

INDIANAPOLIS (BP) — While police haven't determined whether anyone is to blame for an Indianapolis bus accident July 27 that killed four and injured 33 members of an independent Baptist church en route from a summer youth camp, GuideStone Financial Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends churches take specific safety steps before planning road trips.

Church-sponsored transportation safety is in the spotlight after the bus, just one mile from its destination of Colonial Hills Church, crashed on an interstate exit ramp when it slammed into a concrete barrier and rolled over, ejecting some of its 37 passengers.

A youth pastor, his pregnant wife, their unborn child, and a church volunteer were killed as others were hospitalized, including one teenager with critical injuries.

"It's not enough to address safety concerns on a case-by-case, trip-by-trip basis," said Jim Welch, GuideStone's director of property and casualty product development. "The church is responsible for putting protections in place for transportation for all ministries, on all trips. It requires leadership commitment, resources, time and consideration. Each is critical for success."

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Colonial Hills Church posted on its website a memorial to those killed, quoting Scripture and affirming God has been "drawing people to Himself in saving faith through this situation, and we're amazed by a God who brings beauty out of ashes (Isaiah 61:1-3). For these reasons and many more, we rejoice, even as we sorrow!"

Indiana State Police told USA Today that questions remained unanswered days after the tragedy. "We are looking into seeing if [the church] has any records they'd be willing to offer up to show us," USA Today quoted 1st Sgt. Tyler Utterback of the Indiana State Police. "It's not a requirement."

Keeping certain vehicle records and designing safeguards around ministry transportation should be clear church priorities,

Welch told Baptist Press, recommending precautions regardless of whether churches own or charter the vehicles.

"Before and after every trip, no matter how short, churches should inspect their vehicles," Welch said. "Government data show that 70% of all van accidents happen within 25 miles of home. Dedicated teams (two or more qualified adults) should be responsible for these inspections, and churches should keep good records of these inspections."

Make sure drivers are properly trained, screened, and rested. Make sure vehicles are properly inspected, maintained, operated, and stored, and make sure church representatives and others involved have signed participation agreements and behave appropriately, Welch recommended.

"When it comes to drivers, handing the keys to the first available person is a big mistake. Drivers should be prescreened for clean driving and criminal records, have an established association with the church, and have plenty of experience in general driving, as well as with the vehicle they'll be handling."

"Also, be aware that if you own a charter bus or school bus, the driver must have a commercial driver's license. You should order and review each driver's motor vehicle record every year," Welch said.

Participants, and guardians of participants under age 18, should sign agreements specifying the activity, waiving the church's liability for trip injuries, and granting the church authority to obtain any necessary medical treatment for participants, Welch said.

Check safety records of each type of vehicle before use and use the vehicles only as intended, he said. Follow "common-sense safety requirements," he recommended, including:

- Setting and enforcing capacity requirements for vehicles.

- requiring all occupants wear seat belts at all times, if available.

- requiring drivers obey all speed limits and traffic laws, be at least 25 years of age, be well-rested, and have appropriate experience driving the particular vehicle they'll drive for the church.

- annually evaluating the health and

fitness of drivers over the age of 65.

- prohibiting drivers from using cell phones at any time while on the road and limiting other distractions, including noise, food, drink, and electronics.

When chartering transportation, churches can be proactive by choosing only established, well-known companies with well-maintained equipment, Welch said.

"Check them out with the Better Business Bureau and ask for referrals if possible," Welch said. "The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (www.fmcsa.dot.gov) establishes rules and regulations for motor carriers. Churches should familiarize themselves with these standards so that they may use them to evaluate a specific carrier's qualifications and behavior."

"Charter companies should be willing to share information about driver training and certification programs and safety requirements."

When possible, observe pre- and post-trip vehicle inspections and ask to see inspection records. "It's best to have the church attorney carefully review the contract prior to signing," Welch said. "Never sign an agreement that has wording making the church responsible for injuries sustained while riding in a vehicle driven by a charter operator."

"Keep in mind that the church could still be held liable for injuries that occur at the trip destination or as the result of improper planning," Welch said. "Churches should discuss trips with their insurance agent to make sure they're properly prepared and covered."

Maintain government required registrations and inspections, and regularly self-inspect vehicles, he said, covering such basics as tire condition and pressure, lights, engine condition, safety equipment, oil and gas levels, and windshield wipers.

Welch recommends stocking vehicles with safety supplies and equipment, including a fire extinguisher, a first aid kit, and emergency flares.

Insure church-owned vehicles with commercial auto policies — not modified personal policies — and if chartering, take out policies for "hired and non-owned" vehicles, Welch said.

More and more people are living longer than ever in our nation's history. The centenarians in America continue to grow in number and the huge numbers are astounding. When I hear someone at, near, or past a hundred I am always interested in hearing their keys to living. It seems as though we would be wise in listening to what these people do and how they act in order for them to arrive at their advanced age.

One thing that always seems to be a part of their lifestyle is enjoyment. They enjoy life. The Bible says, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (Prov. 17:22a). They seem to get a daily dose of it. I have seen some of these aging folks, and I must confess that in my case they have usually been aging saints. They were amazing in their exuberance for life. I have known people who did not know who the people were around them, did not know who I was though we had a long-term relationship, and did not even know who they were. And yet their conversation or interaction with people around them would be peppered with chuckles. They were not necessarily laughing at a joke or telling some funny thing but they just seemed to be delighted to be connected with folks and you could hear it in their gentle and kind laughter.

The other side of that equation also seems to be true. If people do not enjoy life it seems to move slower and just drag on and on unhappily. So if you want to live longer, brighten up, laugh a little and bring a little enjoyment to other folks. It seems to work.



Keys to Living

A second key has to do with eating. People who live longer invariably seem to have a balanced moderation about their eating habits. They don't always eat healthy food, but they do not have to eat everything on the table either. I picked up a couple of modern, proverbial statements about eating that every once in a while jump into my brain cells. One is "The larger you are the hungrier you get." The other one speaks to me often and went something like this "Nothing tastes as good as the feeling of being thin." I think the point is to keep some restraint on our rampant appetite.

The third key that I have noticed in folks that live longer is exercising. I am not talking about the kind of exercising that works out four hours a day, but they keep themselves active, moving, up and about and getting on with life. Our bodies are made to move and function. Certainly, I understand that there are impediments to our movement and the speed with which we move. If you can get your joints moving and your muscles flexing, you will be in better shape to live a long, long time.

I went into a medical health complex over which there was a sign that read something like this, "There is

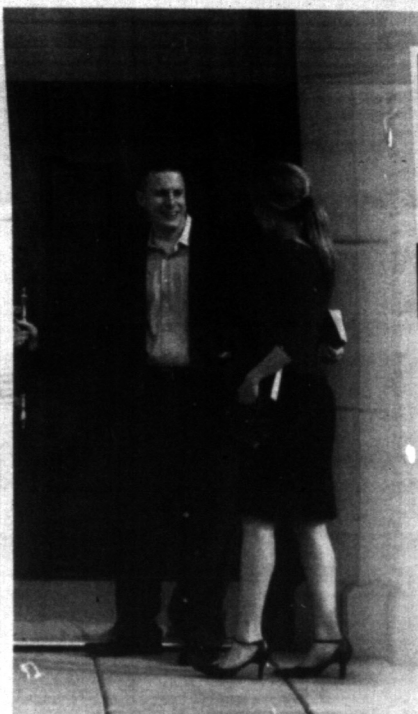
no condition, physical, emotional or mental that is not improved by regular exercise." It stopped me in my tracks and I read it, reread it and thought that has some real validity to it. It seems as though some of these old folks with spry ways have learned that key as well.

One last thing is enduring. The problem with most of us is that we really recognize a lot of these important qualities and involvements and yet our discipline level does not last very long. Too many of us start and fizzle all at the same time. We do not follow through doing the right thing consistently. We miss out on any of the benefits that would come from doing so. We lean toward being like a friend of mine who was a smoker. At times, I would get on to him for smoking and encourage him to stop. I can hear him now as he often told me, "I can quit any time that I want to and, in fact, I have done it thousands of times."

For those of us who know the Lord, we have the strength of God to rely on and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit who comes to produce in us what the scripture refers to as temperance, self-control, or maybe even better stated a God-controlled approach to life. When that becomes real in us we live, move and have our being under the constant lordship and oversight of the Lord Himself. It does make a difference in how we live and no doubt how long we live.

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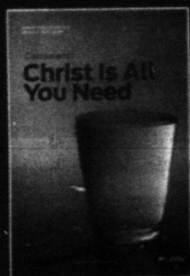


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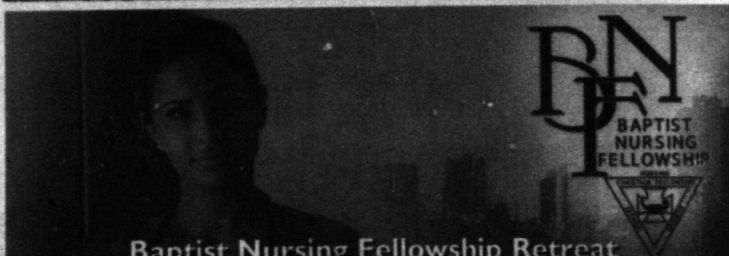
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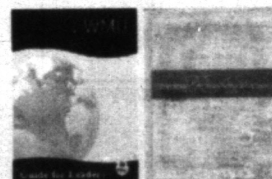
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Pray this day for...

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"The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18

Pray for: **Clay & Jeri Stegall**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through strategy coordination.

Pray for a team of five from **Park Place BC, Brandon**, going to Haiti, 8/27-9/7, for construction, medical, and children missions.

Pray for: **Jeanette Taylor**, missionary ministering to Southeast Asian Peoples through regional office support.

Pray for: **Karl & Peggy Wallace**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through mission administration & church/home outreach evangelism.

Pray for: **David & Regina White**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through church planting & church/home outreach evangelism.

Pray for: **Floyd & Sylvia Wingo**, missionaries ministering to American Peoples through strategy coordination.

Pray for: **Shannon & Charlie Worthy**, missionaries ministering to European Peoples.

Pray for: **C & C**, restricted.

Pray for: **B & L**, Last Frontier.

Pray for: **J & T**, ministering through the NAMB.

Pray for: **J & M**, restricted.

Pray for: **J & K**, restricted.

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Pray for: **P & D**, ministering to European Peoples.

The IMB missionaries listed in the HouseTops prayer calendar are currently active in 2-4 year terms or in career service.

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Time: Sept. 20, 2 p.m. - Sept. 21, 12:30 p.m.

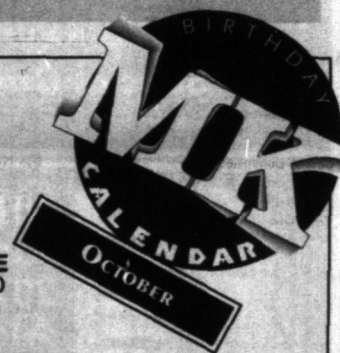
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Mississippi Missionary Fellowship

Date: Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013

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Location: Garaywa Camp & Conference Center, Clinton



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MISS CATHERINE HODGINS
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10/10/94
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10/17/00
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Clue: C = O

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Romans 5:8

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BOGGS

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"The States [the government] are as the men are; they grow out of human character," observed Plato. It is past time for integrity and virtue to matter again.

If our elected officials are to possess morality and character, the attributes must first be embraced by the electorate. "Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people," said John Adams, America's second president. "It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Boggs is director of the Louisiana Baptist Convention (LBC) Office of Public Affairs, and editor of the Baptist Message, newsjournal of LBC. His commentary appears courtesy of Baptist Press.

YOUTH NIGHT

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thank them for their hard work," he said.

Joining Brister on the 2013 Mississippi Baptist Youth Night Committee were:

■ Danny Forrest, associate pastor/minister of youth at First Church, Richton.

■ Jason Holmes, associate pastor for students at First Church, Brookhaven.

■ Chris Layton, student pastor at First Church, Mendenhall.

■ Brandon Lewis, student pastor at First Church, Oxford.

■ Shannon Shivers, minister of students at First Church, Kosciusko.

■ J.D. Simpson, director of operations at First Priority of South Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

■ Chad Thompson, minister of youth at Calvary Church, Tupelo.

■ Brad Van Cleave, student and recreation minister at First Church, Magee.

■ Trey Waldrop, student minister at First Church, Summit.

■ Gerald Young, student pastor at Country Woods Church, Byram.

Lum said the Youth Night Committee is soliciting comments on the 2013 event and suggestions for the 2014 event, which will be held July 25 at Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson. The 2014 program personalities have not been announced. Tentative start time is 6:30 p.m., with doors open at 5:30 p.m.

To contribute comments and suggestions, or for more information on funding through the youth evangelism project, contact Lum at P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 292-3280 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 280. E-mail: [dlum@mbcb.org](mailto:dalum@mbcb.org).

Mississippi Baptist Youth Night is funded by gifts to the Mississippi Cooperative Program.

DAY

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Pensacola, Fla.) have prepared him perfectly for the assignment as dean for our school of church music."

Day earned a Ph.D. in vocal performance (2000) from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, a master of music in vocal performance (1990) from Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., and a bachelor of music in vocal performance (1988) from Baptist-affiliated William Carey University in Hattiesburg.

He has served as an adjunct voice professor for the University of West Florida in Pensacola since 2008. Prior to coming on staff at the Olive Church, Day served as associate professor of voice at New Orleans Seminary from 1999-2005 and instructor of voice at William Carey University from 1990-99.

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A portion of The Village View is allocated each month to a list of Gifts of Honor and Memory. Many groups and individuals elect to pay tribute to others through this sensitive, meaningful and helpful medium. This feature is hopefully designed to further honor, with taste and respect, those who are and have been special to our special friends.

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Jesus is Crucified and Raised • Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-7; 1 Corinthians 15:17-19

Summarize Jesus in seven words. The task proves harder than anticipated. I think of love, humility, obedience, service, selflessness, sacrifice, exaltation, and praise. Oops! That's eight words. Do you see what I mean? Even eight words cannot do justice to the One whose cross was the most agonizing and the most victorious part of God's Story. When God raised Jesus from the dead, He exhibited the salvific power He uses to save us from our sins (Eph. 1:17-21).

This lesson focuses on the death and resurrection of Jesus and the implication of these events for our lives. You can live each day in light of the realities of Jesus' death for you and His resurrection from the dead.

Crucified Savior (Mark 15:33-39)

Have you ever suffered for Christ? Whether you have or not, willingness to suffer for Christ is one way to demonstrate your love for Him. Jesus was doing precisely that when He took up Calvary's cross to become the crucified Savior. He was demonstrating His love for lost sinners everywhere for all time. Mark's account of Jesus' final three hours on the cross tell of "darkness," being "forsaken," and "a loud cry" (Mk. 15:33-37; HCSB). Jesus agonized on the cross, an innocent Lamb, slaughtered by sinful people. Yet, as Paul wrote, "in Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself" (2 Cor. 5:19).

Mark was careful to remind us "the curtain of the sanctuary was split in two from top to bottom" (16:7). Some scholars interpret this passage as Jesus' death opening access to God's mercy seat in the Holy of Holies, as in Hebrews 9-10 (Stein, BECNT, p. 717). Mark also noted the centurion's affirmation, "This man really was God's Son" (15:39).

Living Lord (Mark 16:1-7)

Death and the grave could not keep Jesus down. The Greek word for "resurrected" is *egeirō*, literally meaning "to raise the dead" in this context (16:6; HCSB). Mark definitely had in mind a literal resurrection of Jesus' physical body. Thus, he spoke in some detail of how the corpse of Christ was removed from the cross late Friday afternoon, prepared for burial, placed in the tomb, and sealed with a stone against the entrance (15:40-47). Early Sunday morning, the women went to anoint His body. They worried who would roll away the

large stone for them (16:1-4).

Upon arrival they discovered three things. First, the stone had been rolled away (16:4b). Second, a young man revealed Jesus was no longer in the tomb; the crucified Savior had become the living Lord (16:5-6). Third, they were instructed to inform Jesus' disciples. He would meet them in Galilee (16:7). Jesus' death did not demolish God's plan. Rather, His death completed the sacrificial aspect of the divine atonement.

God demonstrated His power over death by resurrecting Jesus. His resurrection was God's rebuttal to the sinful machinations of

misguided religious leaders, a point Luke repeats in the Book of Acts (Acts 2:23-24; 3:15; 4:10; 5:30, etc.).

Resurrection Faith (1 Corinthians 15:17-19)

How important is the resurrection to the Christian faith? Is it a peripheral issue or a foundational aspect of the Gospel?

Recently, a prominent politician in Mississippi told voters he was a Christian, but he believed the resurrection was a myth. I wrote him an email asking him to clarify his views. I've not heard back from the candidate. It is impossible to be a Christian and deny the resurrection of Christ! I base this statement on Paul's insightful defense of Jesus' resurrection. Paul exhibited a strong resurrection faith. Jesus, the risen Lord, appeared to Paul on the Damascus road (Acts 9, 22, 26). Paul's life changed forever.

Paul examined Christianity's value in the event the resurrection was false. He identified several devastating realities "if Christ has not been raised." First, faith in Christ becomes worthless (2 Cor. 15:17a). Why believe in a dead man? Second, a dead Jesus cannot take away your sins; "you are still in your sins" (15:17b). Third, without Jesus' resurrection, believers who died "in Christ" merely perished (15:18). Finally, if faith in Christ is "for this life only," as those who reduce Jesus to the status of being only a great prophet or moral teacher, then Christians "should be pitied more than anyone" (15:19). According to God's Story, Jesus was not only crucified for our sins, but also raised back to life. He is our crucified Savior and Living Lord!

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Can I Keep on Going? • Ecclesiastes 7:11-14, 15-18; 8:10-12, 16-17

We live in an imperfect world filled with inaccurate counsel about how best to live. For many people, the lines between wise and foolish attitudes and behavior are blurred. They hear evil behaviors described as good, and godly behaviors characterized as foolish and ignorant. They see the majority of people ignoring the godly wisdom presented in God's Word and deciding for themselves what paths seem best. These different voices can lead to confusion causing despair and hopelessness. The perfect God and His perfect wisdom can be trusted in an imperfect world.

In the description of life "under the sun" thus far, the picture has been an existence without God. Midpoint in the journal, the Philosopher or Solomon changes from a narrative form of writing to a proverbial form and begins the return of wisdom to the scene in seven comparative proverbs.

A good name, one of influence and character, is preferred over that which has a pleasing aroma; thus the slogan, "The quality goes in before the name goes on." (Swindoll) Those in a personal relationship with Christ can truly say, "... the day of death (is) better than the day of birth." "... mourning ... feasting" and "sorrow ... laughter" give a glimpse of a broadening perspective beneath the surface. One can learn much about people from their gravestones in con-

trast to a frivolous, short-lived taste of pleasure. Experiences with death change one's perspective—deepens wisdom.

"... rebuke ... song of fools" means learning from someone who can offer good advice is far better than listening to the advice of someone who lacks judgment. "... end ... beginning" refers to having knowledge of the whole story when the end is known and reality is revealed affording valuable hindsight.

"Patience ... haughtiness ... is significant of growing in character as patience replaces a proud spirit. Guard

against longing for "the good ole days" and live wisely in today—the present. Charles Swindoll writes that wisdom has two major benefits. It preserves our lives from human pitfalls—pride, doubt and disillusionment, and resentment and bitterness. Wisdom is protection. And, wisdom provides our lives with the divine perspective we need—divine sovereignty in control providing joy and happiness. Consider His plan and

"when times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, a man cannot discover anything about his future." (NIV) Godly wisdom gives a framework by which to live a meaningful life.

The Philosopher, who has observed a godly man die young and a wicked man whose life was prolonged, seems to be warning against an attitude of unrelenting piety or its

opposite—sinning in moderation. The one who fears God will avoid both extremes. He desires us to live in relationship

with Him able to benefit from His blessings, not as a slave trying to keep laws to earn His favor.

"... (O)ne who operates in the sphere of wisdom possesses an inner strength that cannot be matched by ten influential city officials." (Swindoll) There is not a righteous man on earth who always does what is right and never sins. This should be calming to those of us who are perfect-

tionists, along with this definition—a perfectionist is one who takes great pains ... and gives them to others! The more wisdom we gain from studying scripture, the more we understand living with questions and tension.

These qualities of a good leader are found in chapter eight: (1) a clear mind—a good leader knows why things are like they are; (2) a cheerful disposition—cheerfulness in a leader is contagious; (3) a discreet mouth—the king must be obeyed, but when and how commands are carried out does not have to cause conflict with a man's conscience; (4) keen judgment—leaders who are most effective have independent intuition; and (5) a humble spirit—an awareness of one's own limitations. Two warnings follow: It is inexcusable to take unfair advantage of those under our charge, and whoever does, hurts himself more than others.

The Philosopher returns to his main theme—meaninglessness. The wicked seem to fare better than the righteous, and the delay in justice seems to encourage them in their iniquity. But, there is another day coming. God is in control even in times when we may question life's inequities and uncertainties.

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Bible Studies for Life

with W. Wayne VanHorn



Explore the Bible

with Marion D. Duncan

Revivals & Homecomings

► **Calvary Church, Canton:** Revival, Aug. 11 - 14; Sun. 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; fellowship after Wednesday service; Eddie Hamilton, speaker; Scott Jones, music;

Tom Rayburn, pastor.
► **Magee's Creek Church, Jayess:** 175th anniversary and 40th homecoming; Sat., Aug. 10, dedication of Heritage Room with inflatables, hamburgers, and hot dogs, 2:30 p.m.; Sun., Aug. 11, assembly and fellowship, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds and afternoon sing; Farris Smith, speaker; 4 Eternity, music; Kevin Newsome, pastor.

► **Liberty Church, Kemper County:** Revival and homecoming, Aug. 11; Sun., 11 a.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Jim Rickles, homecoming speaker; Marcus Finch, revival speaker; Richard Ferguson and Second Mile, music.
► **Cedar View Church, Olive Branch:** 50th anniversary and homecoming, Aug. 11; services, 10:30 a.m., followed by dinner and singing; Robert Dotley, speaker; Forgiven by Grace, music.
► **Mt. Tabor Church, Calhoun County:**

Revival, Aug. 11 - 14; Sun., 11 a.m., followed by potluck lunch and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; Curtis Ferrell, speaker; Sue Potts, Justin Gates, and Doug Orlando, music; Ron Jenkins, pastor.

► **Lantrip Church, Bruce:** Revival, Aug. 11 - 14; 7 p.m. nightly; Jay Parks, Reece Ward, Scotty Bland, and Oren Hitchcock, speakers; Bill Bailey, music; Deanna Wooten, music; Robert Earl Alexander, pastor.

Just for the Record



The Busy-Hands sewing group from **NORTH LONG BEACH CHURCH, LONG BEACH**, made 60 little girl dresses and 60 boys shorts for an orphanage in Haiti. Shown are Barbara Sparacino, Bettye Buckley, Helen McKee, and Juanita Redo.



Youth from **FIRST CHURCH, CALHOUN CITY**, recently spend a week on a mission trip to the Ninth Ward in New Orleans. The group helped clean vacant lots and offered Bible studies to the residents. Aaron Sibley, leader.



BLACK JACK CHURCH, VAUGHAN, held a children and parents dedication June 9. Shown are Donnie Pepper, David White, Mary Frances White, Martha Kate White, Elizabeth White, Katrina James, and Karlyn James.



The mothers of **UNITY CHURCH, IUKA**, were honored with a supper and gifts on Mother's Day. Gifts were given to the youngest, oldest, and mother with most children. Shown are the mothers. Wayne Crum, pastor.



The Girls in Action from **ANTIOCH CHURCH, LAWRENCE ASSOCIATION**, visited the Center for Pregnancy Choices of Lawrence County and delivered baby bottles.



GRACE CHURCH, VICKSBURG, held a baby dedication service June 2. Shown are pastor Bryan Abel; grandparents Gary and Darlene Rickles; and Jessica and Justin Arnold with baby Jax Allan Arnold.



Members of **WANILLA CHURCH, MONTICELLO**, held their first quarterly ladies night out, coordinated by pastor's wife Jordan Faler. The women ate and fellowshiped while completing a cross painting.

In other Church News:

► **First Church, Runnelstown**, will host The Talleys in concert Aug. 15, 7 p.m. Love offering.

► **Enon Church, Grenada**, will have a gospel singing featuring the Master's Quartet Aug. 11, 6 p.m. Love offering.

► **Bunker Hill Church, Columbia**, will have a gospel singing featuring The Revelations Quartet and Mark Lanier Aug. 10, 6:30 p.m.

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Need a light?

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Simply share the following prayer with God in your own words:

1. Lord, I admit that I need you. (I have sinned.)
2. I want forgiveness for my sins and freedom from eternal death. (I repent.)
3. I believe Jesus died and rose from the grave to forgive my sins and to restore my relationship with you. (I believe in Jesus.)
4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Christ today, contact a local Southern Baptist church for spiritual guidance.